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(57) Abstract: The present invention concerns methods and compositions for administering a binding agent to a patient wherein the patient generates a response to autologous tumor. The binding agents target apoptotic tumor cells and facilitates the uptake of these apoptotic tumor cell are taken up by dendritic cells or other antigen presenting cells for processing and presentation to the immune system without the expression of circulating tumor-associated antigen (or without the need of circulating tumor antigen).

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